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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIA ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE DECISION OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON EXPORTS OF ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES

As I had the pleasure to remark at our meeting of 8 June 1995, the Romanian Government has been examining the possibility of declaring a moratorium on exports of anti-personnel landmines, with the view to fully contributing to the current international efforts aimed at ridding the world of the scourge of these horrible weapons.

I can now inform you that a moratorium has already been approved and entered into force on 1 July 1995. The Romanian unilateral moratorium applies to all categories of anti-personnel landmines and it will last for an initial period of one year.

This decision crowns the Romanian stance on landmines and in particular our co-sponsorship of last year's United Nations General Assembly resolution on the establishment of moratoria in this field. Its significance redoubles since it came into force just days before the International Conference on Mine Clearance started its proceedings.

May I kindly ask that this statement be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.